

REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement

The Examiner states that restriction of the claims into one of the following groups is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-6, drawn to a composition and crystal of HCV NS3 helicase protein and an oligonucleotide and methods of preparing the crystal;
- II. Claims 7-11, drawn to a computer for producing a three-dimensional representation of a molecule or complex;
- III. Claims 12 and 13, drawn to a computer for determining the structure of a molecule or complex from X-ray diffraction data;
- IV. Claims 14-23, drawn to a method for evaluating the potential of a chemical entity to associate with a molecule or complex of NS3 helicase; and
- V. Claim 24, drawn to a method of using the structural coordinates in structure determination.

Election

Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-6) for initial substantive examination. This election is made without waiver of applicants' rights to continue to prosecute and to obtain claims to the non-elected subject matter either in this application or in other applications claiming benefit herefrom.

Conclusion

Applicants request consideration of the application and early allowance of claims

1-6.

Respectfully submitted,



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